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## **MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION**

**Thursday, August 19, 2010**

### **Minutes**

The public meeting was called to order, via teleconference call, at 12:10 p.m.

Commissioners present: Conway, Fleig, Jefferson, Kan, Krumm, Lyles, McLean, Olsen, Petty, and Worthington.

### **ITEM 1.**

#### **ACTION: COMAR 31.11.06 – Comprehensive Standard Health Benefit Plan – Action on Emergency and Proposed Regulations**

Dr. Cowdry explained that emergency and proposed regulations are necessary to bring Maryland's small group regulations into conformance with the federally mandated provisions that become effective on September 23, 2010 under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). He reviewed a summary of the proposed changes:

- Children may be covered under the policy up to age 26 (instead of age 25);
- Preventive services recommended by the USPSTF as A or B recommendations are not subject to the deductible and have no cost-sharing if provided in-network;
- The \$2 million lifetime limit is removed;
- The provisions for direct access to gynecologic services are changed from state provisions to federal provisions; and
- Children under age 19 may not be subject to pre-existing condition restrictions.

Commissioner Kan made a motion to adopt the proposed and emergency regulations, which was seconded by Commissioner Petty and unanimously approved.

**ACTION: COMAR 31.11.06 – Comprehensive Standard Health Benefit Plan – ADOPTED as emergency and proposed regulations.**

## **ITEM 2.**

### **ACTION: Standards for a Single Carrier Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Program**

Eva DuGoff, Health Policy Analyst, provided the Commission with a presentation outlining the goals of the single carrier patient centered medical home standards. Ms. DuGoff discussed the framework of the standards and provided a summary of the public comments received on the proposed standards. Ben Steffen said staff recommended that the Commission adopt the proposed standards as modified in response to the public comments received. The final standards and application process are posted on the Commission's website. Commissioner Krumm made a motion to adopt the Single Carrier PCMH Standards, as modified, which was seconded by Commissioner Lyles and unanimously approved.

### **ACTION: Standards for a Single Carrier Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Program are hereby APPROVED.**

## **ITEM 3.**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m., upon motion of Commissioner McLean, which was seconded by Commissioner Petty and unanimously approved.